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In consequence of a Petition from the joint-Comtee of the Corporation of the American Academy, the Gent. Court have this day passed the following Resolve. — 'Whereas &c — therefore Resolved, that y^e Board of war be & they hereby are ordered & directed to fit out the State Gally with proper stores and Accommodations for the Conveyance of the Rev^d Samuel Williams, Hollisian Professor of Mathematics & natural Philosophy at y^e University of Cambridge, and such Attendants as he may think proper to take with him, to make the desired observations on y^e central & total Eclipse of y^e Sun, which will happen on y^e 27th of October, at or near Penobscot: and that y^e Council be & hereby are requested to write proper Letters to y^e British Commander of the Garrison at Penobscot, that y^e important designs of y^e sd observations may not be frustrated.'

On your application to y^e Board of war, they will fit out y^e Vessel, & provide y^e stores &c for you & y^r Attendants, as above ordered. A Letter is prepared for y^e British Com^r at Penobscot, & will be forwarded to him by y^e first opportunity.

I am very respectfully Rev^d Sir Y^r most O^bdt Serv^t

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